

## REMARKS

Claims 14-20 are pending.

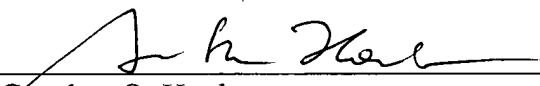
Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 14-20 are allowed.

Applicants hereby cancel claims 27-32 and 35-38, without prejudice.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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